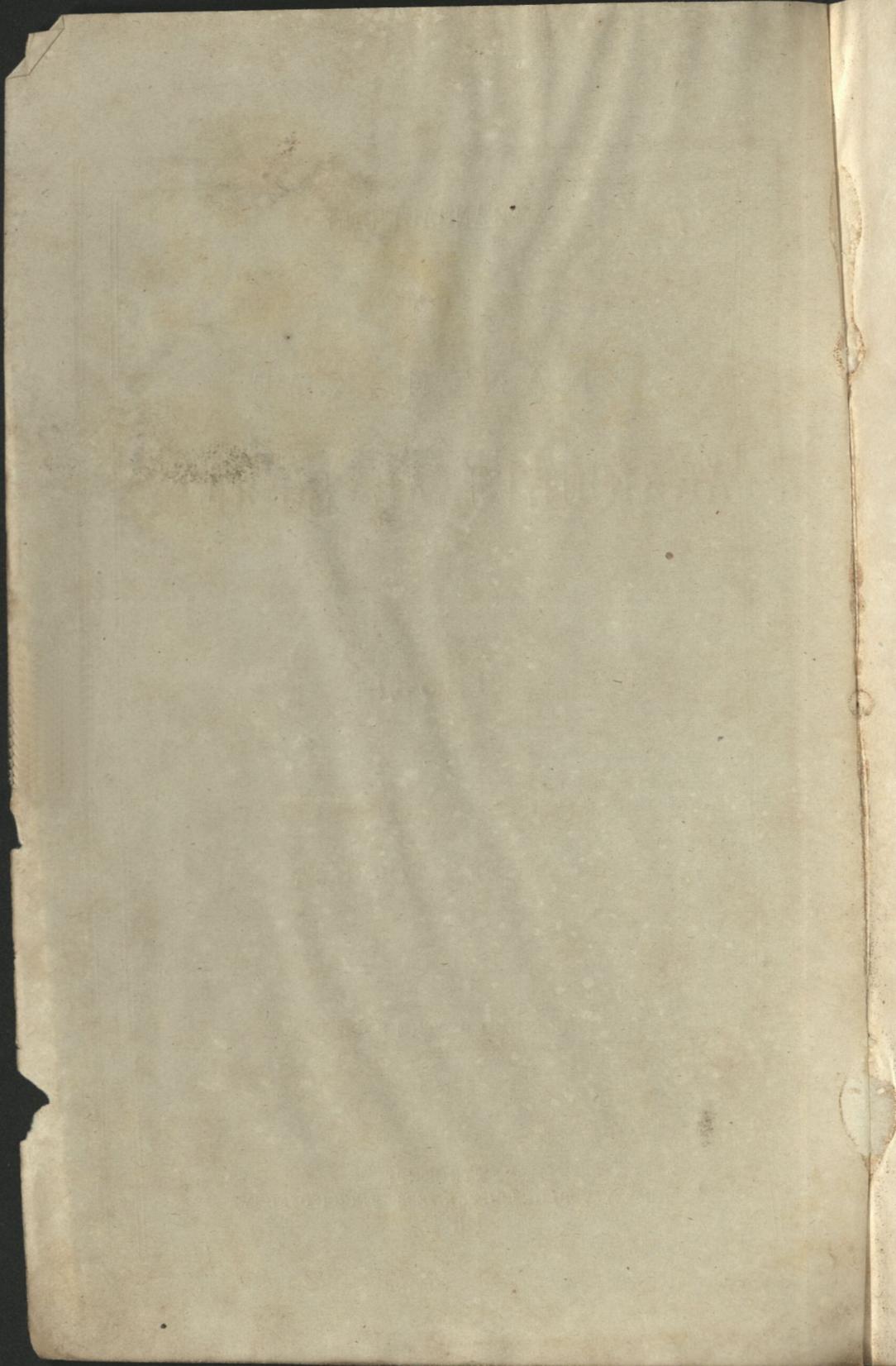


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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
NANTUCKET AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Article 1st.—The Association shall be known by the name of the NANTUCKET AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Art. 2d.—The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, four Vice Presidents, one Secretary, one Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of five; all of whom shall be chosen by ballot annually, and hold their offices until others are elected to fill their places.

Art. 3d.—The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the fourth Monday of October, and other meetings may be held, as often as the officers may find it expedient, or the Society decide.

Art. 4th.—All meetings of the Society shall be duly notified in one or more of the papers published in town, one week in advance, or by personal notices to each member, as the officers may determine.

Art. 5th.—The funds of the Society shall be placed at interest by the Treasurer, under the direction of the

President and other officers, and when they amount to one thousand dollars, the interest thereon, and the amount to be received from the State Treasury, shall be offered in premiums, and no appropriation shall ever be made, reducing the capital below the sum of one thousand dollars.

Art. 6th.—Premiums shall be determined upon by the officers, at such times as they shall deem expedient.

Art. 7th.—The expenses of the Society shall be paid from assessments, contributions, &c.

Art. 8th.—The President and other officers shall regulate all the concerns of the Society, during the intervals of its meetings, and propose such subjects of improvement to the attention of the public as well as the Society, appoint such committees, publish such communications, and offer such premiums as they shall think proper, provided the premiums offered do not exceed the income of the Society from its invested funds, and the State; and they shall lay before the Society, at each of its meetings, a statement of their proceedings, and of any communications made to them.

Art. 9th.—The Secretary shall record all the votes and proceedings of the Society and of the officers, and enter them in separate books, subject to the order of the Society.

Art. 10th.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due to the Society, and all donations that may be made to it, and keep a true account of them in a book of the Society, and make such disposition of them as the Board of Officers may direct, not contrary to the fifth article of this Constitution; and at the Annual Meeting shall

make a full and true report of the condition of the finances, of the receipts and expenditures.

Art. 11th.—If at any meeting of the officers, or of the Society, the President, and Vice Presidents or Secretary shall be absent, the members present may fill the vacancy for that meeting, and not less than four members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Art. 12th.—The meetings of the officers shall be held at such times and places as they may determine upon.

Art. 13th.—Any person, by paying into the treasury two dollars, (or if a female) one dollar, and signing the rules adopted by the Society, shall be considered a member.

Art. 14th.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, voting upon the question of the proposed change.

OFFICERS FOR 1863.

The seventh Annual Meeting of the Society, was held at the rooms of the Secretary on the 27th of October, 1862, and the following-named members were elected officers for the year A. D., 1863, being the eighth year of the existence of the Society:—

President.

JAMES THOMPSON.

Vice Presidents.

ELIJAH H. ALLEY, SHUBAEL WORTH,
EDWARD HAMMOND, JAMES M. BUNKER.

Secretary.

WILLIAM H. WAITT.

Treasurer.

ANDREW J. MORTON.

Executive Committee.

ALLEN SMITH, EDWARD MACY,
ANDREW M. MYRICK, CHARLES C. FOLGER,
JOSEPH M. FOLGER.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE EIGHTH

CATTLE SHOW AND FAIR,

OF THE

Nantucket Agricultural Society.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Eighth Annual Exhibition of the Nantucket Agricultural Society, was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 29th and 30th of September, 1863. The weather was unusually fine, and the facilities of travel afforded by our Steamboat Company, in connection with the railroads during the week, were such as to afford those desirous of visiting us, an opportunity of doing so at a small expense, which we are happy to say was very generally improved.

The services of the Bridgewater Brass Band at the Grounds during the Exhibition, contributed in no small

degree to the interest of the occasion. The music was excellent, and the performers unremitting in their efforts to cater to the musical tastes of the numerous visitors.

STOCK.

The entries of Stock exceeded those of any previous exhibition; particularly of Milch Cows. In this department both town and county were well represented. The additional accommodations at the Grounds, made during the past year, for this class of Stock, doubtless contributed much towards increasing the number of exhibitors. There was a good show of Horses, and some very fine Colts, which were much admired.

There were several entries of Sheep and Lambs, comprising two varieties, Cotswolds, and a cross of the Southdown. We are glad to see a growing interest manifested by our farmers in the raising of this kind of Stock. The Society make liberal offers for the introduction of "Pure Bloods," as will be seen by referring to the list of premiums for 1864. Other varieties of Farm Stock were well represented, for a detailed account of which we refer the reader to the accompanying reports from the various Committees.

HALL.

The arrangement and fitting up of the Hall was the same as last year, for the design of which, Mr. James H. Gibbs then received the Society's premium.

The tables being arranged around the Hall in an octagonal form, ample space was afforded for the visitors, and the numerous articles on exhibition finely displayed.

At the North end of the Hall, over the rostrum, was this motto :

“Our Island Fair give you this greeting,
And welcome to their Annual Meeting.”

At the South, the same motto as last year, still appropriate—“Fathers now till, while sons defend the soil.” On the East side—“Earth is a generous paymaster.” On the West—“Labor is god-like, see its fruits.”

To the officers of the Society, and a committee from the members, chiefly composed of Ladies, much credit is due for the taste and skill displayed in fitting up the Hall, the appearance of which was pleasing and attractive.

The Band played a few pieces at the opening of the evening entertainments, after which the President, James Thompson, Esq., introduced the Glee Club, which, under the direction of Mr. A. T. Allen, enlivened the occasion with excellent music, glees, duets, &c. To say that the performers consisted of Messrs. Allen, Hallett and Tobey, Mrs. Hallett, Mrs. Folger, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Mary Abby Hallett, Miss Mary Jane Chase and Miss Susie C. Allen, is sufficient, without further comment.

The following timely and appropriate resolutions were offered by James M. Bunker, Esq., and adopted by a unanimous vote:—

Resolved, That in the sudden death of EDWARD W. GARDNER, the Nantucket County Agricultural Society is conscious of the loss of one of its most worthy and respected members. We remember him as one who labored for its establishment, and who ever desired it to be an instrument of great good to this whole commu-

nity. In the midst of these festivities we pause to pay a just tribute to his memory, and to condole with his afflicted relatives. Nor do we forget her who ably seconded him in his labors, and from whom, even in death, he was not divided, but gratefully remember her also as our friend.

Resolved, That this Society is greatly indebted to the ladies and gentlemen by whose industry and taste this hall has been so fitly and beautifully arranged for the purposes of this Exhibition.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to the Directors of the Nantucket Steamboat Company, and to the Directors of connecting railroads, for the extraordinary facilities which they have this year afforded to visitors to come to our Exhibition.

Resolved, That we view with pleasure the increasing interest in agriculture which has made the present Exhibition highly successful, and last but not least, we thank our numerous visitors for their presence on this occasion. It repays us for our labors, and cheers us on to new exertion, that future Shows may be still more worthy of public favor.

FANCY ARTICLES.

In this department the display was rather limited. The specimens of Embroidery and Worsted Work on exhibition were very beautiful;—new in design, rich in appearance, and justly admired by all. There were a few contributions of Wax-work, Hair-work and skeleton leaves, which were very fine and attractive.

MANUFACTURES.

The display of Manufactured Articles was not as extensive as we could have wished; there was not the usual variety of home productions. A number of pa-

tent Clothes Wringers, and a Washing and Wringing Machine combined, patent Camp Stools, Bedsteads, &c., were exhibited by various parties from abroad, which are severally noticed in the Committee's report.

The Exhibition closed soon after ten o'clock, Wednesday evening, having been well patronized both at the Hall and Grounds, and the festivities of the occasion enjoyed by all.

WILLIAM H. WAITT, *Secretary.*

REPORTS.

Field Crops.

The Committee on Crops, in presenting their Report, cannot but express their satisfaction at the increased interest manifested in this department; on no former anniversary of the Society have there been so many entries of grain and root crops, but unfortunately for the competitors, the season has been so very unfavorable for the growth of all crops except hay, that most of them were withdrawn.

INDIAN CORN.

There were several competitors for the premiums on Corn, only two of whom came up to the standard, and the Committee were of the opinion that neither of them were entitled to the *first* premium; we therefore award to Charles W. Gardner the second premium of \$8, and to Edward Hammond the third premium of \$5.

HAY.

There were two competitors for the premium on Hay, one of whom having failed to comply with the rules of the Society, no notice was taken of his statement. To George C. Gardner we award the first premium of \$5, for 6,200 pounds per acre. His statement was—"Planted with corn in 1861, barley in 1862, seeded with herd-

grass and clover, and manured with twenty-five loads of barn manure of fifteen bushels each.

CRANBERRIES.

We award to Charles W. Gardner the first premium of \$4. In presenting the statement of the only competitor on this crop, we may be permitted to remark, that we were highly pleased with his experiments in the cultivation of the cranberry, he having reclaimed several acres of swamp land that were before entirely worthless, from which he has raised this season more than one thousand dollars' worth of this fruit. We derive much pleasure in presenting his successful results to the public, and earnestly do we indulge the hope that it may stimulate many others to excel him in the field of his success. If he is a benefactor of his race who makes two blades of grass grow where before was only one, how much more so is he who produces such crops as the above, where nothing grew before.

Few, we think, are aware how much might be added to the wealth of our county, if every owner of such lands would give the subject the attention it deserves. There are hundreds of acres of swamp lands now entirely worthless, that might be made to produce large crops.

Before closing this report, the Committee would suggest to this Society the propriety of offering premiums for the reclaiming of swamp lands; also, for the most valuable and economical improvements in the cultivation and management of an entire farm with all its appendages. This last would cause the farmers who would compete for the premiums to keep a complete inventory of all their doings on their farms, and at the end of the year they could strike a balance sheet, which would at a glance show whether they had farmed it at a profit or loss, and what crops were the most remunera-

tive, by which they could shape their future course to advantage. All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the Committee,

ALLEN SMITH.

Vegetables.

The Nantucket Agricultural Society's Committee on Vegetables, offer the following Report:—

The show of Vegetables was not as extensive as in former years, the number of exhibitors being smaller; but the quality was full equal if not superior.

Richard E. Burgess exhibited Davis's Seedling, Jackson White, Nova Scotia and Dover potatoes, onions, beets, Nantucket and top-over corn, summer squashes, winter do., carrots, ruta baga and French turnips, pumpkins, cabbages, seed peas, white and yellow-eyed beans, all of which were of excellent quality, for which we awarded him the first premium for the best collection of vegetables, \$5.

William H. Phinney exhibited Chenango potatoes, onions, beets, parsnips, carrots, pumpkins, French and Italian turnips, Nantucket and top-over corn. The quality of this lot was superior to any on exhibition, but the variety not so great as some. We considered it worthy of the second premium of \$3.

Edward Macy exhibited Jackson White potatoes, pumpkins, crook-neck squashes, wheat, rye, tobacco, Nantucket corn, sweet do., one tub containing one hill of sweet corn with ten ears, one do. with eight ears, mottled cranberry, red cranberry and butter beans, and six bunches of ears of the different varieties of corn. This was the greatest collection of vegetables by one person, but the quality of some was not equal with the other lots. We awarded this lot the third premium of \$2.

Zimri Cathcart exhibited one box of ears of Nantucket corn, one do. top-over, and one do. of sweet or pus-corn. To him we award for the best show of corn, \$1.50.

Shubael Worth exhibited one basket Davis's Seedling, one do. Nova Scotia, and one do. Jackson White potatoes, six sugar, six black and two Cape Horn pumpkins, mangel wurtzel beets and ruta baga turnips to whom we award a gratuity of \$1.

John D. Whitney exhibited one large marrow squash, one do. Cape Horn pumpkin, to whom we give a gratuity of 25 cents.

Harrison Myrick exhibited one basket beets, one do. French turnips, and one do. squashes, very nice, for which we recommend a gratuity of \$1.

Charles W. Gardner exhibited Davis's Seedling and Chenango potatoes, carrots, pumpkins, and bald barley. To him we recommend a gratuity of \$1.50.

Bailey R. Cornish exhibited Davis's Seedling and Jackson White potatoes, pumpkins, nine stalks twin ears of Nantucket corn, three bunches ears of do., one bunch ears of pop corn, and four cabbages, to whom we recommend a gratuity of \$1.50.

William Bartlett exhibited four varieties of potatoes, Davis's Seedlings, Jackson Whites, Irish Pippins and Chenangoes, and we award him a gratuity of 50 cents.

William R. Easton exhibited pumpkins and Nova Scotia potatoes, and we award him a gratuity of 50 cents.

U. G. Tuck exhibited stalks of Cuba tobacco, and we award him a gratuity of 25 cents.

Andrew M. Myrick exhibited a fine lot of pumpkins and squashes, for which we recommend a gratuity of 50 cents.

Francis F. Sylvia exhibited Jackson White potatoes, squashes and French turnips, all of which were of the very best quality, and we recommend a gratuity of \$1.

James Thompson exhibited one bunch of broom corn, and Chinese yams, to whom we recommend a gratuity of 25 cents.

E. H. Alley exhibited one dish sweet potatoes, very fine looking.

ANDREW M. MYRICK,
ZIMRI CATHCART,
JAMES M. BUNKER,
CHARLES SWAIN,
EDWARD HAMMOND, } Committee.

Fruit.

The show of Fruit this year was not equal in variety to that of former exhibitions. We missed the display of beautiful quinces, for which Nantucket has hitherto been famed; the crop for the past two years having been an almost complete failure. Very few were exhibited, and those in very small quantities. The display of out-door grapes was very small. James Thompson exhibited Delaware, Diana and Rebeccas. E. H. Alley, Delaware, Diana, Hartford Prolific and Concord. Of the Isabella, there were only two contributors. This variety, though not as early as some others, until the present season—which has been unpropitious—has had the largest number of exhibitors at our annual exhibitions, and though many new and earlier varieties have been introduced, we still consider them among the best—when perfectly ripe—of the out-door varieties.

The varieties of pears and apples, and also of house grapes displayed, compared favorably with former exhibitions, and contained some very fine specimens, though the number of contributors was few.

Among the pears, the Bartlett, Flemish Beauty, Buerre d'Amalis, and Louis Bonne de Jersey, were the most prominent, being general favorites. Among the grapes, we noticed splendid bunches of Black Hamburg, Syrian, Rose Chasselas, Pitmaston White Cluster, and White Sweetwater, exhibited by Mr. James Thompson, and Black Hamburg, White Sweetwater and Palestine, by Mr. E. H. Alley.

The Committee think that much more fruit might be raised here, if we would acquaint ourselves with the best method of culture, and set the trees in soil and situation congenial to their wants, and if some preparation could be found that could be applied to the trees, without injury to them, that would kill the insects that attack the leaves and fruit. We think that fowls kept in gardens where fruit is raised, would prove very beneficial in destroying the insects. After a careful examination of all the varieties of fruit exhibited, the committee make the awards as follows:—

PEARS.

James Thompson had twenty-three varieties, which, regarding quality, quantity and arrangement, we considered the best collection, and entitled to the first premium of \$5.

Henry Coffin had twenty-one varieties, which was the second best collection, for which we award a copy of "Harris on Insects." These pears, and also those of Mr. Charles G. Coffin, were exhibited in show-cases, which rendered it difficult to distinguish the several varieties, and justly compare them with those separately arranged in dishes of uniform size and color.

Mrs. Samuel King, E. H. Alley, and Charles G. Coffin, had each a fine collection of fourteen varieties—so

nearly equal that we recommend a gratuity of \$2 to each of them.

Robert Ratliff had the best single dish of pears, large Bartletts, for which we award the premium of \$1. Mr. R. had also fine Beurre Deils, and one dish of pears for a name.

To Mrs. William H. Chase, and Mrs. Francis M. Gardner, for the second best single dish—being equal—we recommend a gratuity of 50 cents each. Fine specimens were on exhibition by George H. Cash, of Urbaniste and Beurre d'Amalis; Mrs. Joseph Edwards, Flemish Beauties; Mrs. Samuel B. Swain, Marie Louise; Mrs. Sylvester Hodges, Bartlett and Buffum; Lewis H. Wendel exhibited four varieties, including Bartlett, and Flemish Beauty; George W. Macy, one dish Beurre d'Amalis; John D. Whitney, one dish Bartlett.

Capt. G. B. Spooner, of New Bedford, had on exhibition three dishes very handsome Bartletts and Beurre Bosc.

APPLES.

The principal exhibitors were Mrs. Samuel King and Sylvester Hodges.

Mrs. Samuel King had eight varieties, for which we award the first premium for the best collection, \$3.

Mrs. Sylvester Hodges had six varieties: being the second best collection, we award the second premium of \$2.

Mrs. George Coleman exhibited apples and quinces raised by her from the seed, showing a degree of interest in the cause worthy of imitation, for which we recommend a gratuity of 50 cents.

Mrs. Eben Baker of Bellingham, had on exhibition a lot of beautiful apples, consisting of seventeen varieties.

QUINCES.

Quinces were exhibited by J. D. Whitney, Mrs. Samuel B. Swain, E. H. Alley, and Lewis H. Wendel.

John D. Whitney having the best dish of quinces, we award him a premium of 50 cents.

GRAPES.

To James Thompson, for the best collection of house grapes, consisting of four varieties, we award the first premium of \$5.

To E. H. Alley, for the second best collection of house grapes, we award the second premium of \$3.

To Mrs. Albert Wood and Joseph A. Sylvaro, for the best dish of out-door grapes—being equal—we award a premium of \$1 each.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Capt. Frederick A. Chase exhibited very fine cantalope melons, one of which weighed fourteen pounds.

E. H. Alley had very handsome nutmeg melons, unusually large for that variety.

Charles W. Gardner showed six large Christiana melons, which looked to be of superior quality. To each of these contributors we recommend a gratuity of 50 cents.

Mrs. William B. Mitchell exhibited a fig tree raised in a large flower pot, with the fruit growing thereon—being the second growth since the 4th of July last; also, one small peach branch, containing sixteen peaches, and one dish of fine large peaches, for which we recommend a gratuity of 25 cents.

Peaches were also exhibited by Mr. E. H. Alley, Mrs. Mary C. Ewer and Miss Eunice Coleman.

James Thompson exhibited a dish of fine Lawton blackberries.

E. H. Alley, one dish large tomatoes.

William R. Easton, Richard E. Burgess, and Zimri Cathcart, each exhibited samples of fine-looking cranberries.

Mrs. William H. Chase exhibited one dish very hand-

some mock oranges, in their outward appearance not unlike the real.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM H. WAITT.

Plowing.

The Nantucket Agricultural Society's Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Plowing, have the pleasure of reporting—

That the work, in their opinion, was performed *better* this year than at any previous time. One reason of this better work was, that the land plowed this year, had been plowed before, and rid of those tree-roots which had so often been a preventive to good plowing in previous years.

The work performed by the ox-team of Albert Bartlett, who "always held himself and drove," was judged to be the best, and your Committee award to him the Society's first premium of \$4.

The work done by Zimri Cathcart's horse-team, driven by his hired man, a son of Erin's Isle, and that by Richard E. Burgess, with his horse-team, was so equally good, that your Committee could not determine which should have the larger of the other two premiums, and have therefore decided that they should be divided equally between these two competitors, being two dollars and fifty cents to each.

Your Committee take this opportunity to express their regret, that there should be so few competitors in this important and interesting feature at our annual fairs, and hope hereafter to see a more lively interest taken in competing for the prize.

For the Committee,

EDWARD MACY.

Horses.

STALLIONS, MARES WITH COLTS, AND SUCKLING COLTS.

The undersigned, Committee on Stallions, Mares and Colts, offer the following Report:—

STALLIONS.

There were three animals offered: one by Mr. Bailey R. Cornish, one by Mr. John J. Backus, and one by Mr. Charles W. Gardner, and they were all splendid-looking horses.

Mr. Cornish's dark bay stallion, three years old, we award the first premium to, of \$5. Very few horses show better points, higher mettle, and finer action than this, and was very gratifying to the Committee in every particular.

To Mr. Backus, we award the second premium of \$3, for his sorrel five years' old stallion, which also exhibited good points, showing he had been well broken, although high spirited.

Mr. Gardner, who exhibited a three-years' old dark brown animal, the Committee thought was entitled to a premium had there been a third premium offered. We have no doubt but this stallion will take the highest stakes another year.

MARES WITH COLTS.

There were three entries—one by Mr. Edward Macy, a grey mare, with a grey colt three months and seventeen days old, we award the first premium, \$5.

Mr. Bailey R. Cornish's black mare with black colt, we award the second premium, \$3.

Mr. George H. Ellis exhibited a black colt from a mare whose colts have taken premiums for the past five years, some of which were on the grounds and were justly admired. This mare alluded to, with others on the grounds, has produced some of our best native stock of horses.

SUCKLING COLTS.

There were three entries. Mr. George Enas exhibited a five months' grey colt, a very beautiful, docile animal, to which we award the first premium, \$2.

Mr. Bailey R. Cornish's black colt, four months old, we award the second premium, \$1.

Mr. George C. Gardner, 3d, exhibited a bay colt four months old, a handsome animal.

There were many other fine horses, mares and colts exhibited on the grounds, all native growth, that evidenced the great care taken by their owners in perfecting them for use in various harness, some even well matched or paired, although from different mares.

It was apparent to the Committee that a new system for breaking colts had been introduced, instead of beating them as they used to do in by-gone days. They now overcome them by kind, gentle treatment, and get better working animals for it.

FREDERICK C. SANFORD,
JOSEPH VINCENT,
WILLIAM R. PERKINS,
EDWARD C. JOY, } Committee.

Family, Draught, Walking and Trotting Horses.

The Committee on Family, Draught, Walking and Trotting Horses, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report as follows:—

FAMILY HORSES.

Of Family Horses there were three entries; one by Burgess T. Simmons, to whom we award the first premium of three dollars.

One by Arnold Morse, to whom we award the second premium of two dollars.

One by Manuel Enas, a very fine beast.

DRAUGHT, WALKING AND TROTTING HORSES.

Of Draught Horses, there were no entries.
 Of Walking Horses, there were no entries.
 Of Trotting Horses, there were several on the ground,
 but no entries for premium.

COLTS THREE YEARS OLD.

Of three years' old Colts, there were four entries for premium; one by William Starbuck, to whom we award the first premium of four dollars.

Two by George C. Gardner, for one of which we award the second premium of three dollars.

One by Matthew Starbuck, weighing 980 pounds, a very fine beast, with good marks of spirit and travel.

COLTS TWO YEARS OLD.

Of two years' old Colts, there were four entries, one by George C. Gardner, to whom we award the first premium of three dollars.

One by Arnold Morse, to whom we award the second premium of two dollars.

One by Benjamin B. Gardner, with good marks.

One by Charles Starbuck, very good.

COLTS ONE YEAR OLD.

Of one year old colts there were four entries, one by Matthew Macy, to whom we award the first premium of two dollars.

One by James T. Worth, to whom we award the second premium of one dollar.

One by George C. Gardner, of good size.

One by Joseph Starbuck, with very good marks.

For the Committee,

JOSEPH M. FOLGER.

Equestrian Skill.

The Committee on Equestrian Skill, make the following Report:—

To Master Henry F. Coleman, for the best performance, we award the first premium of \$3.

To Master Joseph M. Folger, for the second best do., the second premium of \$2.

For the Committee,

JOHN GRAY.

Milch Cows.

The Nantucket Agricultural Society's Committee on Milch Cows, offer the following Report:—

The exhibition of Cows was very large, excelling any previous one, and attracting the attention of all persons on the Ground who were interested in that kind of stock: the number of cows entered being sixty-six; 10 by Charles W. Gardner; 10 by Charles C. Folger; 8 by Bailey R. Cornish; 6 by Obed Starbuck; 6 by Manuel Enas; 5 by Zimri Cathcart; 5 by John Winn; 5 by Charles B. Swain; 5 by Edward Hammond; 2 by Edward Macy; 1 by William Warren; 1 by William R. Easton; 1 by Benjamin Sheffield, and 1 by James Thompson.

After a careful examination, we awarded the first premium on herds to Charles B. Swain, \$6.

The second premium on herds to John Winn, \$4.

The first premium on single grade cow, with statement, to James Thompson, \$5.

A gratuity on grade cow, without a statement, to Charles W. Gardner, \$4.

A gratuity on grade cow, without a statement, to Charles C. Folger, \$2.

Your Committee recommend giving to those who ex-

hibited herds of cows, and received no premium, or were awarded none, a mileage of ten cents for each cow.

For the Committee,

A. M. MYRICK.

Heifers.

The Committee on Heifers report as follows:

To Bailey R. Cornish, for the best four two years' old heifers, three dollars.

To Charles B. Swain, for the best two years' old heifer, three dollars.

To Isaac Macy, for the best two years' old heifer, in milk, three dollars.

To William T. Swain, for the second best two years' old heifer, two dollars.

To Benjamin B. Gardner, for the best one year old heifer, two dollars.

To Arnold Morse, for the second best one year old heifer, one dollar.

Benjamin Sheffield exhibited a nice one year old heifer; Obed Starbuck had three, and Arnold Morse two.

For the Committee,

OBED STARBUCK.

Bulls.

The Committee on Bulls, report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find the number of Bulls offered for premium to be five:—

One by John Winn, one-half Durham and one-half Ayrshire, to whom they award the first premium of five dollars.

One by Manuel Enas, mixed blood, the second premium of two dollars.

One by Zimri Cathcart, very handsome, unmixed;

one by Bailey R. Cornish, very handsome, but too young for premium; one by Arnold Morse, which he intended to kill, and therefore was not entitled to premium.

For the Committee,

CHARLES C. FOLGER.

Working Oxen and Steers.

The Nantucket Agricultural Society's Committee on Working Oxen and Steers, have performed the duty assigned them, and find the whole number entered, to be four pairs of Working Oxen, and five pairs of Steers.

Those Oxen offered by George C. Gardner, your Committee adjudged to be the best, and therefore award to him the first premium of four dollars.

To Asa P. Jones the second premium of three dollars.

One pair good Working Oxen, offered by Albert Bartlett; one pair do., offered by Francis S. Sylvia, all fine animals, of which your Committee would make honorable mention.

Those Steers offered by William H. Phinney, your Committee adjudged to be the best, and they award to him the Society's first premium of three dollars.

To George Robinson, for the next best, they award the second premium of two dollars.

Two pairs were offered by Manuel Enas; one pair by Albert Easton.

In view of the interest taken by Manuel Enas and Albert Easton, in contributing so largely to the Fair, from so great a distance, your Committee recommend a gratuity of one dollar, to each of these competitors.

For the Committee,

EDWARD MACY.

Sheep and Lambs.

The Committee appointed by the Nantucket Agricultural Society, to examine and award premiums on Sheep offered at the Fair of said Society in 1863, after a careful examination of the six lots offered, have come to the conclusion to award to Joseph M. Folger, for the best ram, three dollars.

To Albert Easton, for the next best ram, the second premium of two dollars.

To George C. Gardner, for the best lot of five ewes, the first premium of three dollars.

To Matthew Macy, for the second best lot, the second premium of two dollars.

To George C. Gardner, for the best lot of five lambs, the first premium of two dollars.

To Zimri Cathcart, for the second best lot of five lambs, the second premium of one dollar.

Charles A. Burgess offered a lot of five sheep and five lambs, for which your Committee would earnestly recommend a gratuity of one dollar.

Your Committee have noticed with pleasure, the increased and still increasing interest taken by our farmers, in raising this variety of farm stock, which promises to be more profitable than any other, and hope that interest will more abundantly abound, and that the number of entries for premiums, will be larger at each of our future fairs.

For the Committee,

EDWARD MACY.

Swine.

Your Committee have attended to the business assigned them, and report as follows:—

PIGS.

There were three entries; one lot of eight, the property of Mr. Manuel Enas, aged nine weeks on the day of exhibition, for which we award the premium of four dollars, for the best eight pigs.

One lot of eleven sucking pigs, the property of Mr. William H. Phinney, two days short of six weeks old, so very promising that your Committee stood undecided for some time, before making up judgment whether the six weeks' or the nine weeks' pigs were the best.

Also, a very fine lot by Mr. Matthew Macy, five weeks old, which could not take a premium for the reason that no other premiums were offered.

SOWS.

There was only one on the ground, and she for exhibition, the property of Mr. William H. Phinney. She has been the mother of ninety-six pigs, including the eleven mentioned above.

Your Committee would recommend to Mr. Phinney and Mr. Macy a gratuity of two dollars each.

Also, that more premiums be offered on pigs in future.

For the Committee,

ALBERT EASTON.

Poultry.

Your Committee on Poultry have attended to the duties assigned them, and submit the following Report:

FOWLS.

There were three entries of fowls. Henry C. Burdick exhibited one very fine Black Spanish cock, and thirteen fine white Dorking hens, for which your Committee award him the first premium, \$3.

Zimri Cathcart exhibited thirteen mixed fowls, for

which your Committee award him the second premium, \$2.

Bailey R. Cornish exhibited sixteen mixed fowls, for which your Committee award him the third premium, \$1.

DUCKS.

There were two entries. Charles A. Burgess exhibited sixteen fine ducks, and your Committee award him the first premium, \$2.

Bailey R. Cornish exhibited eighteen ducks. Your Committee award him the second premium, \$1.

GESE.

John O'Connell exhibited ten handsome Geese. As there was no competition, your Committee award him the premium of \$2.

TURKIES.

Charles A. Burgess exhibited six fine Turkies. There being no competition, your Committee award him the first premium, \$2.

MATTHEW MACY,
WILLIAM H. SHAW,
HENRY C. BURDICK, } Committee.

Butter.

The Committee appointed to award premiums for butter exhibited at the Eighth Annual Exhibition of the Nantucket County Agricultural Society, report that seven lots of Nantucket Butter were exhibited, six of which were of superior quality. The Committee was embarrassed, as former committees have been, in discriminating among parcels exhibiting but slight shades of difference. After most deliberate consideration, the

Committee decided to award the first premium, \$4, to Mrs. Arnold Morse; the second, \$3, to Mrs. Manuel Enas; the third, \$2, to Mrs. William H. Phinney, and the fourth, \$1, to Mrs. Bailey R. Cornish, and they recommend a gratuity of one dollar to Mrs. Charles C. Folger, for her exhibition of fifteen pounds of excellent butter, beautifully moulded, and in the opinion of the Committee, but little inferior to that to which we have awarded the fourth premium. We do not doubt that many good judges of butter might have placed the butter of Mrs. Folger still higher on the scale. We wish to encourage the production of butter in this County, and the exhibition of it at our Fairs, and would therefore increase the number of premiums so as to remunerate our fair dairy women for their trouble in preparing butter for exhibition. No butter consumed in this town is equal to that made here, and the value of the whole amount made is very great. It would be profitable for some one to ascertain and report this value.

Only one cheese was exhibited. This was offered by Mr. Charles W. Gardner. It was made by Miss Sarah M. Bearse, aged 14 years, and entitles the exhibitor to a premium of \$2, for its good quality.

For the Committee,

JAMES M. BUNKER.

Bread and Honey.

The Committee from the Nantucket Agricultural Society on Bread and Honey, report—

That Mrs. Asa P. Jones presented the only loaf of

bread. It was made from native wheat, and was of good quality, for which your Committee award her fifty cents.

The only sample of honey was sent by Mrs. George Myrick. It was of the required quality and quantity to entitle it to the second premium of one dollar.

MARY M. WATSON,
MISS EUNICE COLEMAN, } Committee.
MRS. JAMES THOMPSON,

Flowers.

The Committee on Flowers present the following Report:—

The display of flowers this season was not so great as we have been accustomed to see, but those exhibited were very fine.

Mrs. James Thompson exhibited a large dish of flowers.

Mrs. Samuel B. Swain, a large dish of new varieties.

Mrs. E. H. Alley, a dish of cut flowers.

These being so nearly equal in beauty and variety, the Committee considered each worthy the premium of \$2.

To Miss Eliza R. Mitchell, for a dish of fine flowers, a premium of \$1.50.

To Mrs. A. M. Myrick, for an elegant arrangement of dahlias, no two being alike, a premium of \$1.

We notice as finely arranged, a dish of cut flowers by Mrs. J. B. King; dishes and bouquets of dahlias by Mr. Lewis H. Wendel; cut flowers by Mr. Cromwell Barnard, adding much to the adornment of the Hall, and dishes of dahlias by the Misses Lydia B. and Sarah E. Hallett.

Mrs. Henry F. Coffin, exhibited a cotton plant from Port Royal, attracting much notice.

A few fine pot-plants were shown by Mrs. William R. Easton, Miss Amelia M. Coffin, Mrs. Delia M. Folger, Mrs. George W. Burdick, and Mrs. Lewis H. Wendel. Mrs. John J. Gardner displayed California pine seeds and acorns.

PHEBE W. BUNKER,
SUSAN H. COLEMAN, } Committee.
SALLY A. COLEMAN,

Manufactured Articles.

Your Committee on Manufactures make the following report of their decision on the various articles exhibited, viz:—

Roland Folger offered for premium ten rattan baskets, of superior form and workmanship, for which we award the first premium of \$2.

James Thompson entered for premium a large variety of Hosiery and Knit Goods, articles highly worthy the patronage of the public, for which we award the first premium of \$4.

Thomas H. Cannon, for two sets cart wheels, of excellent workmanship, we award a premium of \$2.

Jonathan Burgess, for two wooden spoons of neat form and workmanship, we recommend a gratuity of 25 cents.

Willie Riddell, for a miniature set of chairs, sofas and table, a gratuity of 50 cents.

Capt. Charles P. Worth, for two ottomans of elegant design and execution, a gratuity of 75 cents.

E. H. Alley, for a sample of currant wine, a gratuity of 25 cents.

Mrs. Charles C. Folger, for a sample of pickles made of seed cucumbers, a gratuity of 25 cents.

Mrs. Sylvester Hodges, for samples of currant shrubs, and vinegar made from the plant, a gratuity of 25 cents.

Zimri Cathcart, for a sample of tomato ketchup, a gratuity of 25 cents.

Mrs. Sarah H. Parker, for woolen yarns and rolls, a gratuity of 25 cents.

On exhibition, a miniature bark, made by Enas F. Sylvaro, displaying considerable skill.

On exhibition from the Bay State Oil Co., New Bedford, a sample of petroleum burning oil, which indicates a superior article.

On exhibition, a clothes wringer by Albert Mowry, of North Bridgewater, simple in arrangement, self-adjusting, and will perform the work well.

On exhibition, the "Universal Clothes Wringer," by the agent, which is not so simple as many others in arrangement, but the two rolls being connected by cog wheels, divides the power of gathering the clothes in, between the two rolls, therefore performing equally, and in an efficient manner.

John Cram exhibited his patent folding chairs, folding clothes drier, folding bier, folding settee, folding camp stool, folding bedstead, and folding table. Also his latest improved washing and wringing machine, combined, and just issued, which will perform the work of washing and wringing in a thorough, efficient and admirable manner, and we would especially call the attention of the public to this new machine, and the variety of folding chairs, &c.

For the Committee,

EDWARD F. EASTON.

Fancy Articles.

The Committee upon Fancy Articles displayed at the Eighth Nantucket Agricultural Fair, respectfully submit the following Report:—

The work exhibited was most of it very beautiful,

being entirely new in design; and several pieces we would particularly speak of, as having been the work of quite young misses, and all very well done, showing industry, patience, and taste. Upon the worsted work, we have awarded such premiums as our limits would allow.

Two taboret covers, by Miss Emma Crosby, and one do. do. by Mrs. C. C. Crosby, were on exhibition, both very beautiful.

A taboret cover by Miss Jane Coffin, new in design and perfect in execution, \$1.

A worsted picture by Miss Emeline C. Thompson, a representation of a basket of fruit, new in design, rich in the harmony and shading of its colors, and neatly executed, 75 cents.

An ottoman cover, by Miss S. W. Macy, exceedingly beautiful, and in the design, shading, and execution, faultless. To this is awarded the first premium, \$2. Another piece by the same contributor, was on exhibition, also very beautiful.

A worsted picture, by Miss L. C. Pease, a copy of one of "Chauntry's Cherubs." This is a new design and very neatly executed; also, a crochet tidy by the same lady, \$1.

A taboret cover, by Mrs. D. B. Sprague, very pretty.

A worsted tidy, by Miss Mattie Dunham, which received the particular approbation of the Committee, as it displayed much taste and beauty, 75 cents.

Taboret covers, by Misses M. F. Joy, E. R. Mitchell, Anna F. Cobb, and Mrs. E. R. Folger, were all neatly executed, and deserved particular notice.

A taboret cover, also a picture of a dog in worsted, very pretty, by Miss Lydia C. Hodges, 75 cents.

A taboret cover, and cushion top, by Miss Lottie Elkins, showing good taste and industry, 75 cents.

A beautiful piece of velvet and silk block-work, also two cone baskets, by Miss Mary Jane Watson.

One cushion, three tides, and a traveling bag, very chaste in design, and neatly executed, by Miss Susan H. Coleman.

A worsted picture, by Miss E. H. Russell, received marked attention. It was very beautiful, but received a premium last year.

A worsted cushion top, by Mrs. Phebe Coleman, in her 83d year, was worthy of particular notice.

A cricket top and pair of slippers, neatly done, by Miss L. M. Gardner.

Mrs. Francis M. Gardner exhibited a cricket top of raised work, very pretty.

Mrs. C. G. Folger, a pair of wristers, of new design.

A taboret cover, in star stitch, by Miss Judith T. Chase, 50 cents.

A worsted cushion and tidy, very neat, by Miss Mary Swift Coffin.

Mrs. B. Penniman, Jr., two taboret strips, beautifully executed, 75 cents.

Miss Lizzie Young, a taboret cover, very pretty, 50 cents.

There were but few pieces of other kinds of fancy needle-work upon exhibition.

Mrs. Samuel Swain displayed a finely wrought pocket handkerchief, 75 cents.

A piece of cambric embroidery, by Miss Sarah B. Phinney, very neat.

An embroidered skirt, by Mrs. Robert Tweedy, beautifully done, 75 cents.

A beautiful crochet set, by Miss Eliza R. Mitchell, 50 cents.

Miss Mary E. Coffin, a box of crochet work, neatly executed.

Mrs. Sophia Ray exhibited a neat bead collar, 25 cents.

Miss Mary F. Joy exhibited a neatly made watch case.

Mrs. Mary Hussey, two cushion tops, star stitch.

Mrs. Susan Field, four very neatly made print work-baskets, 50 cents.

On exhibition, a neatly made shell basket, by Mrs. Martha Wood, in her 75th year.

Mrs. Hannah Fosdick exhibited some handsome cushion tops, and a cushion marked with indelible ink, done in her usual good taste; also a linen sheet one hundred years old.

Miss Eliza B. Macy, a box of magic purses, neatly made, 25 cents.

A box of tatting work, by Miss Susan L. Simmons, very neat, 50 cents.

On exhibition, a box of fancy articles, by Mrs. David Mitchell.

Mrs. Mary Barnard displayed three fancy boxes and cushions, made with her usual taste and neatness, 50 cents.

There was a smaller number of contributors of paintings than any previous year.

Miss M. L. Sheffield, exhibited a painting in oil colors, giving one of the beautiful views upon the Hudson, from West Point, displaying marked talent, \$1.

Two diaphanic pictures, very beautiful, by Mrs. F. Nickerson, \$1.

Mrs. Lydia G. Morton, displayed an elegant hair wreath, \$1.

Mrs. Benjamin G. Smith, a frame covered with Nantucket shells, containing a basket of skeleton leaves; also, in a glass frame, a cross covered with skeleton leaves, beautifully done, which attracted much attention, \$1.

A bouquet of wax flowers, by Mrs. Francis Mitchell; also, a vase of wax lilies, very beautiful, 75 cents.

A case of work, containing flannel, cambric, and worsted embroideries; also, a morocco dressing case, by Mrs. C. E. Coffin, arranged with her usual good taste.

A picture of paper flowers, also, a fan of foreign workmanship, by Mrs. M'Maken, quite ingenious.

A box of morocco work was exhibited by Miss Jenny Chase, very neatly made.

Two boxes, containing shell work made of Nantucket shells, quite ingenious and pretty.

Mrs. Eunice Coggeshall exhibited a beautiful moss and shell picture.

Mrs. C. Pierce displayed in a frame a bouquet of pressed flowers, beautiful.

A shell pagoda, designed and made by Capt. Nathan H. Manter, very handsome and ingenious.

There were many ingenious and beautiful articles of foreign workmanship on exhibition; a work table, card case, picture of a child, &c., from Hong Kong, exhibited by Mrs. Pitts, and a work box from Japan, by Mrs. Robert C. Hussey.

A bead cup, saucer, and spoon, made by a blind girl, was on exhibition.

Three elegant embroidered handkerchiefs, from Calcutta, were shown.

An antique flat iron, motto shells, and watchman's whistle were shown by Capt. William H. Swain, from ancient ruins in South America.

A silver tankard, which belonged originally to the first white male child born upon Nantucket, was exhibited by Capt. Edmund Gardner.

A silver pepper box and spoon of great antiquity.

An antique wine glass, by Mrs. Love Calder.

A shell-work box, by Mrs. Folger.

A waiter of minerals, very beautiful specimens, from California, by Mrs. John J. Gardner.

A beautiful arrangement of cereals, grown upon the farm, by Mrs. A. M. Myrick.

Two very handsome chairs and two taborets were shown by Mrs. David Mitchell.

Some beautiful quilts were shown; one by Mrs. Na-

than H. Parker, an elegant knit quilt, displaying much patience, taste and industry. We award her \$1.

To Mrs. David J. Starbuck, for a very neatly made block work quilt, 50 cents.

For a star quilt by Miss Love Calder, very handsome, 50 cents.

A unique quilt, containing 1242 pieces, no two alike in form or pattern, and also a pair of soldier's slippers, made by Mrs. Judith Coffin; we award her 75 cents.

For a patchwork quilt by Mrs. M'Maken, 25 cents.

For a patchwork quilt by Mrs. Diana Jones, 25 cents.

E. M. CARTWRIGHT,
ANNIE SWAIN,
M. E. COFFIN,
LIZZIE C. GARDNER, } Committee.

Master George A. Myrick had on exhibition a cage containing five young rabbits and a kitten, which appeared to be on the best of terms, and to constitute a "Happy Family." They were very attractive, particularly to the young folks. As this class of Stock—at the hall—did not come within the province of any special committee to report upon, I call attention to it to show that such contributions are appreciated, and should not be overlooked, as they help make up, and give an interest to the exhibition.

WILLIAM H. WAITT, *Secretary.*

Edward Hammond's Statement of a Crop of Corn.

Having entered as a competitor for the best experiment in raising Indian Corn, I will say that the land on which it grew was sandy loam; it had been in grass about twenty years, without manure, producing about

3-4ths of a ton of hay annually. Last May I ploughed it six inches deep and applied twenty-five loads of compost manure, of fifteen bushels each, and harrowed it twice, which, from long experience I believe to be much better than to plough the manure under. On the 27th of May I planted with native corn, in hills, three feet one way by four feet the other, which was a mistake, as I have no doubt there would have been much more corn had it been planted three feet each way, as I intended to have had it. It was cultivated twice and hoed twice. I cut the stalks about the 15th of September, harvested Nov. 12th, and the result was fifty-five bushels of shell-ed corn per acre.

VALUE OF CROP.

55 bushels Corn, at \$1.20,	· · · · ·	\$66 00
1 ton stalks,	· · · · ·	10 00
		<hr/> \$76 00

EXPENSE OF CULTIVATION.

Plowing,	· · · · ·	\$3 00
25 loads manure,	· · · · ·	12 50
Harrowing,	· · · · ·	1 50
Cultivating and hoeing,	· · · · ·	4 00
Planting,	· · · · ·	2 00
Value of seed,	· · · · ·	50
Harvesting,	· · · · ·	3 00
Interest on land,	· · · · ·	1 50
		<hr/> \$28 00
Net profit,	· · · · ·	<hr/> \$48 00

The corn cost 32 cents 7 mills per bushel; now if we subtract one half the expense of the manure, as is the practice of many that contend for the premiums, it would have cost but 21 cents 3 mills per bushel. My object in this experiment is to prove that the largest crops are not always the most profitable.

EDWARD HAMMOND.

Charles W. Gardner's Statement.

The acre of Corn which I enter for a premium, was

planted on a sandy loam, that has been in grass for the last ten years. Last March I spread on forty loads of compost manure, each load containing twenty bushels. Ploughed the land in April, six inches deep, and planted the 15th of May, in hills, three and one-half feet apart each way, cultivated twice, hoed once.

RESULT IN CROP.	
52 bushels corn, worth \$1 12 per bushel,	\$58 24
	29 00
Net profit	\$29 24

CHARLES W. GARDNER.

Statement of some of a Crop of Cranberries.

The lot of Cranberries which I enter for premium, is planted in what was formerly a swamp, part of which is peaty bottom, and part iron ore. In the fall of 1859, I turfed off three-fourths of an acre, and in May, 1860, planted with vines, in hills, two feet apart by one. The produce the first year, 1860, was one and one-half bushels, the second year, 1861, twenty-six bushels, the third year, 1862, bid fair for a still better crop, which was cut off by the frost in August. The crop this year, 1863, is at present much larger than the preceding years.

There has been no outlay on the piece since the first year.

RESULT IN CROP.	
69 bushels cranberries, at \$3 00 per bushel,	\$207 00
Cost of picking 69 bushels, at 60 cents per bushel,	\$41 40
Net profit,	\$165 60

At a meeting of the Officers of the Nantucket Agricultural Society, Friday evening, November 20th, 1863, it was voted that the regulations requiring all neat stock and horses to be kept in the County at least four months next preceding the Exhibition, and all male breeding stock nine months after, to entitle them to premium—if otherwise entitled—be, and are hereby repealed.

Voted, That all breeding stock, to be entitled to a premium, shall be kept in the county nine months; either *before or after*, or *before and after* the exhibition.

Joseph M. Folger moved that the recommendation of mileage by the Committee in their report on milch cows, be adopted.

After considerable discussion, the motion was laid on the table.

Adjourned to Saturday evening, the 21st inst., at 7 o'clock.

WILLIAM H. WAITT, *Secretary.*

Saturday Evening, Nov. 21st, 1863.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

The motion relating to mileage was taken from the table, and the recommendation of the Committee adopted, viz.: To allow ten cents per mile on such herds of cows as are entered for premium, and fail to receive it; that is, ten cents per mile on each cow, not to exceed five in number for any one herd.

Adjourned to Monday evening, November, 23d, 1863.

WILLIAM H. WAITT, *Secretary.*

Monday Evening, November 23d, 1863.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

It was voted to offer a premium of *Twenty-five* dollars for the *best* conducted farm in the county, and for the *second best* do., a premium of *Twenty* dollars. Competitors are required to furnish a full statement in writing, to the satisfaction of the Committee on Farms, showing the mode and cost of cultivation, and a general account of expenditures and receipts for the year; and all competitors for premiums, shall make their entries in writing, to the Secretary, on or before the first day of April, 1864.

Voted, To offer two premiums for the reclaiming of swamp lands.

For not less than one acre, 1st premium,	\$15.
For not less than one acre, 2d	“ 10.

Voted, On motion of Allen Smith, to appoint a Committee of three on farms, and the reclamation of swamp and bog lands. Allen Smith, Joseph M. Folger, and William H. Phinney were appointed the Committee.

Voted, To publish 300 copies of Transactions of the last Agricultural year.

The first premium of five dollars was voted to Allen Smith, for the best Report.

The following standard for crops was adopted, falling below which, no crop shall be deemed entitled to a premium:

For Indian Corn, 50 bushels to the acre.

“ Wheat, 20 bushels to the acre.

“ Oats, 40 bushels to the acre.

“ Barley, 40 bushels to the acre.

For Rye, 20 bushels to the acre.

- “ Potatoes, 250 bushels to the acre.
- “ Turnips, 500 bushels to the acre.
- “ Carrots, 600 bushels to the acre.
- “ Onions, 500 bushels to the acre.
- “ Beets, 800 bushels to the acre.
- “ Beans, 20 bushels to the acre.
- “ Hay, three tons to the acre.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM H. WAITT, *Secretary.*

OFFICERS' MEETING.

Monday Evening, Dec. 16th, 1863.—This meeting was called at the suggestion of the President, James Thompson, Esq., to consider the subject of introducing into this county pure Ayrshire stock, which he considered to be the best for all purposes, whether the field, the market, or the dairy, and recommended to the Society the purchase of two pure blood Ayrshire bulls, the cost of which would be about one hundred dollars.

After the matter had been fully discussed by the Board, it was

Voted, To purchase two Ayrshire bulls of pure blood, and that James Thompson, Allen Smith and Edward Macy, constitute a Committee to carry out the vote, and make arrangements for their keeping.

Adjourned.

WILLIAM H. WAITT, *Secretary.*

THE NANTUCKET
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

WILL HOLD ITS NINTH

CATTLE SHOW AND FAIR,

ON

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,

SEPTEMBER 27 AND 28,

1864:

And all persons are requested to contribute for Exhibition or Premium, all things Useful or Ornamental, which they can produce.

THE SOCIETY
OFFERS THE FOLLOWING LIST OF PREMIUMS,

For the encouragement of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

OFFICERS FOR 1863-4.

Being the ninth year of the existence of the Nantucket Agricultural Society.

President,

JAMES THOMPSON.

Vice Presidents.

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EDWARD HAMMOND,	JAMES M. BUNKER.

Secretary,

WILLIAM H. WAITT.

Treasurer.

GEORGE W. MACY.

Executive Committee.

ALLEN SMITH,	EDWARD MACY,
WILLIAM H. PHINNEY,	CHARLES C. FOLGER,
JOSEPH M. FOLGER.	

PREMIUMS.

The following is a list of the Premiums and Rules and Regulations adopted for the year 1864:

F FARMS.

For the best conducted Farm in the county,	· · · · ·	\$25 00
For the second best do. do. do.,	· · · · ·	20 00

T TREES.

For the best lot of Pine or other Forest Trees, of not less than five acres, from seed planted within five years,	· · · · ·	8 00
For the second best,	· · · · ·	5 00
For the best lot of Fruit Trees, not less than twenty in number and set out within three years,	· · · · ·	5 00
For the second best,	· · · · ·	3 00

EXPERIMENTAL CROPS.

C CORN.

For the best crop of Corn, from not less than one acre,	· · · · ·	10 00
For the second best,	· · · · ·	8 00
For the third best,	· · · · ·	5 00
For the fourth best,	· · · · ·	3 00

R RYE.

For the best crop of Rye, from not less than one acre,	· · · · ·	5 00
For the second best,	· · · · ·	3 00

W WHEAT.

For the best crop of Wheat, from not less than one acre,	· · · · ·	8 00
For the second best,	· · · · ·	5 00
For the third best,	· · · · ·	3 00

P POTATOES.

For the best crop of Potatoes, from not less than one acre,	· · · · ·	5 00
For the second best,	· · · · ·	3 00

O OATS.

For the best crop of Oats, from not less than one acre,	· · · · ·	5 00
For the second best,	· · · · ·	3 00

B BARLEY.

For the best crop of Barley, from not less than one acre,	· · · · ·	5 00
For the second best,	· · · · ·	3 00
For the third best,	· · · · ·	2 00

H HAY.

For the best crop of Hay, from not less than one acre,	· · · · ·	5 00
For the second best,	· · · · ·	4 00
For the third best,	· · · · ·	3 00

BEETS.

For the best crop of Beets, from not less than one-quarter acre,	\$2 00
For the second best,	1 00

TURNIPS.

For the best crop of French Turnips, from not less than one-half acre,	4 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the third best,	2 00

CARROTS.

For the best crop of Carrots, from not less than one-half acre,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the third best,	2 00

ONIONS.

For the best crop of Onions, from not less than one-quarter acre,	3 00
For the second best,	2 00

BEANS.

For the best crop of Beans, from not less than one-half acre,	3 00
For the second best,	2 00
For the third best,	1 00

CRANBERRIES.

For the best crop of Cranberries, from not less than one-half acre,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the third best,	2 00

STRAWBERRIES.

For the best crop of Strawberries, from not less than one-eighth acre,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00

BLACKBERRIES.

For the best crop of Blackberries, from not less than one-eighth acre,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00

VEGETABLES.

Premiums and gratuities for Garden Vegetables, will be awarded, not exceeding in amount the sum of	30 00
For the best collection of Vegetables,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the third best,	2 00
For the best show of Indian Corn,	1 00
For the best show of Wheat,	1 00
For the best show of Barley,	1 00
For the best show of Oats,	1 00
For the best show of Potatoes,	1 00
For the best show of Carrots,	1 00
For the best show of Beets,	1 00
For the best show of Parsnips,	1 00
For the best dozen Pumpkins,	1 00
For the best dozen Cabbages,	1 00
To be distributed at the discretion of the Committee,	10 00
Two copies of "Harris on Insects," will be at the disposal of the Committee for awards of three dollars and upwards, in lieu of the premiums offered.	

STOCK.

HORSES.

For the best Stallion of pure blood,	\$25 00
For the best Stallion,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the best Mare with Colt by her side,	5 00
For the second best do. do.,	3 00
For the best three years old Colt,	4 00
For the second best do.,	3 00
For the best two years old Colt,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00
For the best one year old Colt,	2 00
For the second best do.,	1 00
For the best sucking Colt,	2 00
For the second best do.,	1 00
For the best Family Horse,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00
For the best Walking Horse,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00
For the best Draught Horse,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00
For the best Trotting Horse,	20 00
For the second best do.,	15 00
For the third best do.,	10 00
For the best Equestrian performance by a gentleman,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00
For the best Equestrian performance by a lady,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00

COWS AND HEIFERS.

For the best herd of Cows, of not less than five, with statement,	10 00
For the second best do.,	8 00
For the best do. without statement,	6 00
For the second best do. do.,	4 00
For the best pure blood Ayrshire Cow, with statement,	5 00
For the best grade, do. do.,	5 00
For the best native do. do.,	5 00
For the second best do. do.,	3 00
For the best native Cow, without statement,	3 00
For the best two year old Heifer,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00
For the best two year old Heifer, in milk,	3 00
For the second best do.,	2 00
For the best one year old Heifer,	2 00
For the second best do.,	1 00
For the best four two year old Heifers,	3 00
For the second best four do.,	2 00

BULLS.

For the best Ayrshire Bull of pure blood,	20 00
For the second best do.,	15 00

WORKING OXEN AND STEERS.

For the best yoke of Working Oxen,	4 00
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For the second best,	.	.	\$3 00
For the best yoke of Steers, three years old,	.	.	3 00
For the second best do.,	.	.	2 00
For the best yoke of Steers, two years old,	.	.	2 00
For the second best do.,	.	.	1 00
For the best yoke of yearling Steers,	.	.	1 00

FAT CATTLE.

For the best pair of Fat Cattle,	.	.	3 00
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HOGS.

For the best Boar,	.	.	4 00
For the second best,	.	.	2 00
For the best Sow, with not less than six pigs,	.	.	5 00
For the second best,	.	.	3 00
For the third best,	.	.	2 00
For the best lot of eight pigs and upwards,	.	.	4 00
For the second best do. do.,	.	.	3 00

SHEEP.

For the best Southdown Buck, pure blood,	.	.	10 00
For the second best do. do.,	.	.	8 00
For the best Cotswold do., pure blood,	.	.	10 00
For the second best do. do.,	.	.	8 00
For the best lot of Southdown Ewes, of not less than five,	.	.	3 00
For the second best do. do.,	.	.	2 00
For the best lot of Cotswold Ewes, not less than five,	.	.	3 00
For the second best do. do.,	.	.	2 00
For the best lot of not less than five Ewes, mixed blood,	.	.	3 00
For the second best do. do.,	.	.	2 00
For the best lot of Lambs, not less than five in number,	.	.	2 00
For the second best do.,	.	.	1 00

POULTRY.

FOWLS.

For the best lot of Fowls, not less than one Cock and Eleven Hens,	.	.	3 00
For the second best do.,	.	.	2 00
For the third best do.,	.	.	1 00

DUCKS.

For the best twelve Ducks,	.	.	2 00
For the second best do. do.,	.	.	1 00

GEESE.

For the best flock of six Geese,	.	.	2 00
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TURKIES.

For the best flock of six Turkies,	.	.	2 00
For the second best do.,	.	.	1 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

BUTTER.

For the best lot of Butter, of not less than ten pounds,	\$4 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the third best,	2 00
For the fourth best,	1 00

CHEESE.

For Cheese, the Committee will award gratuities, not exceeding in amount,	5 00
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HONEY.

For the best display of Honey,	2 00
For the second best,	1 00

BREAD.

The Committee will make awards for Bread, amounting to not more than	4 00
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FRUIT.

The Committee will make awards for Fruit, amounting to not more than	41 00
For best collection of house grapes,	5 00
For second best collection of house grapes,	3 00
For best collection of out-door grapes,	5 00
For second best collection of out-door grapes,	3 00
For best collection of pears,	5 00
For second best collection of pears,	3 00
For best collection of apples,	3 00
For second best collection of apples,	2 00
For best single dish of grapes,	1 00
For best single dish of pears,	1 00
To be distributed at the discretion of the Committee,	10 00

Three copies of "Harris on Insects," will be at the disposal of the Committee for awards of three dollars and upwards, in lieu of the premiums offered.

FLOWERS.

The Committee will make awards for Flowers, as follows:	
For the best collection of flowers,	5 00
For second best collection,	2 00
For third best collection,	1 00
For best show of cut flowers,	2 00
For second best show,	1 50
For best bouquet of flowers,	75
For Committee to distribute in gratuities,	5 00

One copy of "Harris on Insects," will be at the disposal of the Committee in lieu of the premiums offered for the best collection of flowers.

HYMNS, SONGS AND ESSAYS.

For the best Song,	5 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the best Essay on Agriculture,	6 00
For the second best,	4 00

For the best Hymn,	\$2 00
For the second best,	1 00

MANUFACTURES.

Premiums and Gratuities will be awarded for Manufactured Articles, not exceeding	37 00
For the best lot of Boots and Shoes,	3 00
For the second best do. do.,	2 00
For the best lot of Hosiery and Knit Goods,	4 00
For the second best do. do.,	2 00
For the best lot of Willow or Rattan Baskets,	2 00
For the second best do. do.,	1 00
For the best collection of Photographs or Paintings,	3 00
For the second best do. do.,	2 00
For the best Carriage of home manufacture,	3 00
For the best Carriage Harness,	3 00
For the best collection of Tin Plate Work,	2 00
To be distributed at the discretion of the Committee, if required,	10 00

FANCY ARTICLES.

For Fancy Articles, not exceeding	25 00
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PLOWING

For the best experiment in Plowing, not less than six inches deep,	4 00
For the second best,	3 00
For the third best,	2 00

REPORTS

For the further promotion of Agriculture and the encouragement to Committees to make full Reports, accompanied with such statements as will be of general interest and service, the Society offers additional premiums, as follows:

For the best statement of the course pursued in raising a premium Vegetable crop,	3 00
For the best Report,	5 00
For the second best do.,	4 00
For the third do. do.,	3 00

DESIGN FOR HALL.

For the best design for the arrangement, fitting up, and decoration of the Hall, for the Exhibition,	5 00
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MANURES.

For the best experiment with Manure, with a statement in writing, which is to be left with the Secretary previous to the first of October, showing the kind and cost,	8 00
For the second best do.,	4 00

All premiums will be awarded on the following conditions, viz.:

All persons exhibiting breeding stock, are required to state in writing, to the Secretary, *at the time of making their entries*, the breed and pedigree of the animals, so far as known to them.

Competitors for premiums for herds or single cows, are required to state in writing, to the Secretary, at the time of *making their entries*, the time when said cows last calved, how they had been fed, the quantity of butter produced by each, (if any is made,) for ten successive days of any two months, with two months intervening; also the number of pounds of milk produced on every seventh day (if any is yielded on that day), from the first day of March, 1864, to the 20th day of September following. The above rule is so far modified, as to authorize the assignment of a lower grade of premiums to cows without a statement. (See list of premiums.)

All persons competing for the premiums for Crops, are required to make their entries with the Chairman of the Committee on Crops, in writing, as follows:—For Hay, on or before June 1st; for Grain Crops, on or before July 1st; for Corn and Root Crops, on or before August 1st, 1864, giving the quantity, value, location and condition of the land in the Spring, the kind and quality of manure used, with its value, the quantity and kind of seed used, with its value, and previous to the first of November, they must also give a correct account of the Crop offered for premium, its quantity, quality

and value, with the whole expense and manner of its production, to the satisfaction of the Committee, and no premium will be paid unless all these conditions are complied with.

On Tuesday, Sept. 27th, 1864,

The FAIR and EXAMINATION of the STOCK, excepting Horses, will commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., and all animals will be required to remain in the pens until 3 o'clock, P. M.

The PLOWING MATCH will commence at 2 o' clock, P. M.

On Wednesday, Sept. 28th, 1864,

The examination of HORSES will take place at 9 o'clock, A. M.

GENERAL RULES.

1ST.

All entries of *Stock* must be made with the Secretary, previous to 10 o'clock A. M., of the first day of the Fair, to be entitled to a premium.

2D.

All competitors for premiums, must enter their articles previous to ten o'clock, A. M., of the first day of the Fair.

3D.

All articles exhibited, must remain during the Fair.

4TH.

No animal or article will be entitled to a premium, which is removed by the owner, without permission of the Committee of Arrangements.

5TH.

All animals and articles exhibited, will have all possible care of the Committee, but must be at the risk of the owners.

6TH.

No animal or article, for which a premium has been awarded by the Society, will be entitled to another, unless it be of a higher grade.

7TH.

Upon application to the Chairman, the Executive Committee will visit any field or crops entered for premium.

8TH.

It will be optional with the various Committees, to award premiums or not, as the thing entered for it, may in their judgment deserve, whether there is competition or not.

9TH.

All persons in the County may compete for the Premiums offered; but in case any one is awarded to a per-

son not a member of the Society, the admission fee of a member will be deducted; but premiums and gratuities, of less sums than the admission fees, will be paid on demand, to all persons to whom they are awarded.

10TH.

All premiums awarded, not called for within fifteen days, will be added to the capital stock of the Society.

11TH.

Any person may become a member of this Society, by signing the constitution, and if a male, paying to the Treasurer, two dollars, and if a female, one dollar.

12TH.

All persons competing for Plowing, shall make their entries with the Secretary, previous to the first day of the Fair.

